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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark
Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled: ENCODING APPARATUS, METHOD AND PROGRAM

____ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(f) is
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The following are enclosed:

 X Specification

 X 17 Claims(s) (including 3 independent claim(s))

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 X 7 Sheet(s) of Drawings

 X Our check for \$ 770.00 calculated as follows:

Basic Fee of \$770 (\$385)	\$ 770.00
____ Total Claims in excess of 20 at \$18 (\$9)	\$ 0.00
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